

CLAIM LISTING

1 - 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously presented) The license plate cover of Claim 19, wherein the gasket has a periphery, and a rim raised relative to the receiving surface, an innermost portion of the raised rim disposed in a plane inward of the compression rib, wherein the raised rim is located around the periphery of the gasket to be laterally exterior of the compression rib and where inward is defined as being in a direction toward the license plate.

4. (Previously presented) The license plate cover of Claim 19, wherein the elongate compression rib is V – shaped.

5. – 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) A license plate cover, comprising:

a frame having a periphery, an outer side, an inner side for disposal adjacent a license plate, a transparent central area of the frame disposed laterally inwardly of the periphery for viewing the license plate from the outer side of the frame;

an elongated elastomeric gasket disposed on the inner side near the frame periphery and for sealing to a periphery of the license plate; and

a plurality of holes for receiving respective fasteners to a vehicle license plate mounting

bracket, the gasket being laterally adjacent to and closely laterally surrounding the holes, the plurality of holes each including a sidewall of nongasket material extending from the outer side of the frame to the inner side of the frame, the gasket having a generally planar receiving surface facing inwardly toward the license plate, the sidewall of each hole extending inwardly to a plane containing said receiving surface of the gasket, wherein said sidewalls prevent the fasteners from overcompressing the gasket and fracturing the frame.

8. (Currently amended) The license plate cover of Claim 19, wherein the frame periphery includes a bottom disposed at ninety degrees to the inner side of the frame, the rib of the gasket being continuous around a majority of the frame periphery, the rib of the gasket being discontinuous at but leaving open at least one portion of the rib adjacent the bottom of the frame periphery.

9 – 18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The license plate cover of Claim 7, wherein the gasket includes at least one elongate compression rib which extends inwardly from said receiving surface toward the license plate.

20. (Previously presented) The license plate cover of Claim 7, wherein each of the plurality of holes has a stepped opening with a first level and a second level formed inwardly toward the license plate from the first level.

21. (Previously presented) The license plate cover of Claim 7, wherein the frame has an elongated channel formed near the periphery of the frame on the inner side thereof, the channel having a bottom and sides, the elastomeric gasket being injection-molded into the channel to adhere to the bottom and sides of the channel.